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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4-10.

Please add the following new claims.

A)

- -11. The molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyacetal copolymer comprises from 0.1 to 10 mol% of oxyethylene units.
- 12. The molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the formaldehyde emission, determined on test specimens to VDA 275, is not more than 60% of the formaldehyde emission of a colored molding composition for which the polyacetal copolymer was prepared using BF_3 as the initiator.
- 13. The molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the formaldehyde emission, determined on test specimens to VDA 275, is not more than 20 mg/kg.